

Florida House of Representatives

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Tallahassee, FL – House Joint Resolution (HJR) 833 sponsored by State Representative Mike Horner (R-Kissimmee) and State Senator Andy Gardiner (R-Orlando) unanimously passed the Florida Senate today. The measure will now be placed on the November 2010 General Election ballot.

"It was an honor to sponsor this joint resolution along with my good friend, Senator Gardiner," said Horner. "With all that our citizen-soldiers have to deal with, the last thing our deployed military personnel and their families need is to worry about whether or not they will be able to remain in their homes."

HJR 833 Provides a credit against future ad valorem taxes owed on property for members of the United States military or military reserves, the United States Coast Guard or its reserves, or the Florida National Guard.

To be eligible, the individual must have received the homestead exemption at the time of the deployment on active duty outside of the continental U.S., Alaska, or Hawaii. The credit is based on property taxes paid and the number of days deployed outside the country for military operations.

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